

FRISCO TO CONTROL

Rumor That They Will Assume Control of the Midland.

OFFICIALS WILL NOT TALK

But it Is Nearly a Certainty the Change Will be Made.

There has been a rumor current on the street for several days past that the Frisco railroad would on the first day of September assume control of the Kansas Midland railway, which is now in the hands of a receiver.

The Kansas Midland is a short but independent line running from Wichita to Ellsworth. It was built by foreign capitalists during the boom and has had varied success. The road offered like many other ventures during the panic, but has been steadily gaining in business favor until today the road is doing better than it ever has before. On the first of July, 1897, the Kansas Midland became an independent line. Before that for a number of years it had been operated by the Frisco. The Midland built a new depot on the corner of Douglas and Mosley avenues and further south on Mosley they put up a nice freight station. As soon as the Midland separated from the Frisco they entered into arrangements with the Union Pacific, which gave them a direct line into Kansas City and into Denver. Business increased immediately; especially was this true of shipments to Denver. None of the officials of either of the roads will give out any information relative to the change which is to take place. Most of them profess to be in ignorance of any change, but it can be stated on the very best of authority that it will be done. At least that is the present arrangement. Something might occur to break up the deal, but it is hardly possible at this date. The employees will not communicate on the subject, but they have been notified that there will be a change made on the first.

It was learned yesterday from an out-of-town railroad man who is well posted on Frisco affairs that they may decide to dissolve their lease with the Santa Fe and make the present Midland depot their headquarters. Three years ago the Frisco and Santa Fe entered into a contract whereby the Frisco was to have the use of the Santa Fe tracks and depots for a term of five years. The contract was to be dissolved at any time at the pleasure of both roads. It is understood that the Frisco would like to annul the present contract, which has yet two years to live. The Santa Fe people will offer no objections, so it is said, to the Frisco's proposition to declare the contract void.

VOUCHERS FOR HIS SAFETY
Kansas City Detective Says Kimmel Was Not Killed.
A dispatch from Kansas City says: Friends and relatives of George A. Kimmel, cashier of the Farmer's State Bank of Arkansas City, Kansas, have as yet been unable to explain his mysterious disappearance. J. H. Shumaker, superintendent of the Shumaker local branch, today said there was no reason to believe that Kimmel had been foully dealt with. "I can say positively," said he, "that he is not dead, and that in a few days he will reappear perfectly well."

"Is there a woman, gambling or excessive drink in the case?"
"Not any of them. He is a man of exceptionally good habits. He has left town and had good reason for going away."

Further than this Detective Shumaker refused to talk.
The Arkansas City Traveler yesterday said:

"It has been learned by the bank officials here that the exact amount which Mr. Kimmel telephoned to the Kansas City bank to send to him to the Midland hotel was \$50.29. It is not known by them that he had any personal obligations to meet there, or that he had been speculating in futures, therefore they are at a loss to know why he telephoned for this exact amount, even to the odd cents. They reason that if he wanted to discharge a debt or pay for an investment then made, he would have given a check for the amount, and that if he had wanted money with which to pay traveling expenses, he would have ordered \$50 or \$60, instead of the unusual and unaccountable sum of \$50.29."

This afternoon a reporter had an interview with C. S. Chapin, of the Pinkerton detective agency, who is looking after the case here. When asked what he thought of the above reported interview with Mr. Shumaker, he replied:

"I would rather give an opinion as to the genuineness of the Journal's interview, therefore I have no opinion to express upon the alleged 'theory given.'"

"How do you account for Mr. Kimmel drawing \$50.29 from the Kansas City bank?"
"That unusual proceeding is unaccountable, and in the working of possible cases it naturally confronts us. I do not wish to understand it. I consider the drawing of that amount very suspicious, for had he been disposed to be dishonest, he could have got away with nearly, if not quite, \$100.00. I am simply doing what I can at the end, and Mr. Schumacher, of our Kansas City office, has charge of the investigation."

"Have you any information to give to the public?"
"None whatever. Our agency in Kansas City has charge of the case and the best men in the employ of the company are using every possible effort to unravel the mystery."

Mr. Johnson being asked whether the day had developed any clue, sadly replied:

"No. We are still groping in the dark, so far as any knowledge of the cause of George's lamentable disappearance. Every investigation of the books and papers tend to increase my suspicion. It is in his absolute integrity. To illustrate, it was only a few weeks ago that he purchased a farm near the city, the deed being made in his name. It being bank property, on that same day he executed a deed to the bank. I could give several instances of that kind to establish his unswerving faithfulness to duty."

MUSIC AND DRAMA

WICHITA LYCEUM COURSE.
Edwin L. Barker in "A Pleasant Valley." Mr. Barker's style and method is so unique and original that in the field of higher impersonation he occupies a place distinctly his own—a place that has given him the title of the Russell-Mansfield of the platform. A term, however wide in its meaning, only serves to illustrate his exceptional versatility.

THE REPERTORY OF PLAYS

The repertoire of plays are all of Mr. Barker's own arrangement from popular successes of standard authors, each forming a complete monologue, with characters totally dissimilar. So that to see him a number of times it is not to see him a new story, but to view an entire new group of characters, with new faces, voices and mannerisms.

The entertainment pleases everybody. It contains all that is best and wholesome in the world of smiles and tears, with much food for reflection underlying, and is a means of feeding our dramatic natures outside the theatre.

The press and public are unanimous in declaring Mr. Barker without an equal in point of versatility, facial expression and cleverness of pantomime and action, all combining to give his monologues a high state of ensemble and finish not hitherto attained in the presentation of plays on the platform.

Mr. Barker comes upon the platform clad in the regulation dress suit. He pauses a moment that you may catch a glimpse of him and at the same time tell what he is going to do. Then, as if by magic, he vanishes, and in his stead you see and hear a dozen or more real live people—some tall, some short, some old, some young, some young, some old, some sad, some gay—all winding in and out and through the shifting scenes of a delightful story. At last we near the end, and as the tones of our favorite character die away and the forms of the others grow dim, we are standing before us, wearing the same dress suit, Barker. He has not been away at all, only masquerading behind the characters.

The story lingers in your mind for days, and even now as I write I find myself thinking—now of Mr. Barker—but of homely honest Rosa Howe; 'umble, creeping, unobtrusive, eloquent, bombastic, mischievous, abundant, old-fashioned, good, good-will, proud, fastidious, Brummel, and many, many others. Do not such entertainments make us happier, broader and better?

WICHITA HOSPITAL COURSE.

Owing to the fact that the number of tickets is limited to six hundred, there will be no school tickets sold by the members of the hospital directory, who are now selling tickets. It is hoped the ladies will be the same generous patrons as heretofore, and that in all past efforts for the completion of the new hospital building.

EIGHTEEN WAR VESSELS.

The reserved seat sale opens this morning for the big reproduction, in miniature, of the Spanish fleet at Manila, next Friday and Saturday at the Crawford Grand. To sit on the sea shore and see great vessels plowing through the deep is a grand sight, but to see seven monster warships steam into a harbor by moonlight, stage an enemy at daybreak much grander in number, completely destroying them before breakfast, is a sight unparalleled in the history of the world. Destroyers, the battle with his flagship Olympia, followed by the Baltimore, Raleigh, Petrel, Concord, Boston and McCulloch, annihilating the Spanish fleet, Reina Cristina, the Castilla, Ulloa, Isla de Luzon, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Puerto Rico, Coma, Velasco, Miranda and a transport. Remember this is not a picture on canvas, but actual boats operated and run by electricity. Don't forget the children's special matinee Saturday.

The concert given at the Auditorium was of high order and deserving of a better record. Miss Bird M. Shultz appeared in a number of solos that were greatly appreciated by the audience. The duet by Miss Shultz and Mrs. Montgomery Bryant was well rendered, as were all the remaining numbers. Everyone was disappointed over the failure of Mr. William G. Shultz to appear. The following program was rendered:

Overture—"The Pirates of Penzance."

Soprano solo—"No Tongue Can Tell."

Soprano solo—"C. A. White."

Vocal duet—"Only Three"—C. A. White and Mrs. Montgomery Bryant.

Character song—"Playing Soldier."

Character song—"Master Jay Ellis."

Soprano solo—"The Girl of the Year."

Orchestra—"Happy Days"—Selected.

Vocal duet—"A Night in Venice"—Arditti and Miss Schultz.

Orchestra—"Merrily I Roll Along."

Accompanist, Miss Alpha Galloway.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

(Furnished by the Wichita Abstract and Land Company, H. M. Duffalo, Abstractor, Court House, Phone 224.)

WARRANTY DEEDS.

S. L. Davidson mortgage company to Wilbur F. Shultz, lots 104 to 109, 110 to 115, 116 to 121, 122 to 127, 128 to 133, 134 to 139, 140 to 145, 146 to 151, 152 to 157, 158 to 163, 164 to 169, 170 to 175, 176 to 181, 182 to 187, 188 to 193, 194 to 199, 200 to 205, 206 to 211, 212 to 217, 218 to 223, 224 to 229, 230 to 235, 236 to 241, 242 to 247, 248 to 253, 254 to 259, 260 to 265, 266 to 271, 272 to 277, 278 to 283, 284 to 289, 290 to 295, 296 to 301, 302 to 307, 308 to 313, 314 to 319, 320 to 325, 326 to 331, 332 to 337, 338 to 343, 344 to 349, 350 to 355, 356 to 361, 362 to 367, 368 to 373, 374 to 379, 380 to 385, 386 to 391, 392 to 397, 398 to 403, 404 to 409, 410 to 415, 416 to 421, 422 to 427, 428 to 433, 434 to 439, 440 to 445, 446 to 451, 452 to 457, 458 to 463, 464 to 469, 470 to 475, 476 to 481, 482 to 487, 488 to 493, 494 to 499, 500 to 505, 506 to 511, 512 to 517, 518 to 523, 524 to 529, 530 to 535, 536 to 541, 542 to 547, 548 to 553, 554 to 559, 560 to 565, 566 to 571, 572 to 577, 578 to 583, 584 to 589, 590 to 595, 596 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1940 to 1945, 1946 to 1951, 1952 to 1957, 1958 to 1963, 1964 to 1969, 1970 to 1975, 1976 to 1981, 1982 to 1987, 1988 to 1993, 1994 to 1999, 2000 to 2005, 2006 to 2011, 2012 to 2017, 2018 to 2023, 2024 to 2029, 2030 to 2035, 2036 to 2041, 2042 to 2047, 2048 to 2053, 2054 to 2059, 2060 to 2065, 2066 to 2071, 2072 to 2077, 2078 to 2083, 2084 to 2089, 2090 to 2095, 2096 to 2101, 2102 to 2107, 2108 to 2113, 2114 to 2119, 2120 to 2125, 2126 to 2131, 2132 to 2137, 2138 to 2143, 2144 to 2149, 2150 to 2155, 2156 to 2161, 2162 to 2167, 2168 to 2173, 2174 to 2179, 2180 to 2185, 2186 to 2191, 2192 to 2197, 2198 to 2203, 2204 to 2209, 2210 to 2215, 2216 to 2221, 2222 to 2227, 2228 to 2233, 2234 to 2239, 2240 to 2245, 2246 to 2251, 2252 to 2257, 2258 to 2263, 2264 to 2269, 2270 to 2275, 2276 to 2281, 2282 to 2287, 2288 to 2293, 2294 to 2299, 2300 to 2305, 2306 to 2311, 2312 to 2317, 2318 to 2323, 2324 to 2329, 2330 to 2335, 2336 to 2341, 2342 to 2347, 2348 to 2353, 2354 to 2359, 2360 to 2365, 2366 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